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PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *December 24, 1900.*

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended December 22, 1900:

The Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay*, from Havana, via suspected ports of Central and South America, was held in quarantine, but allowed to take passengers and cargo for Europe. She brought neither for this port.

The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana, Cuban, and Dominican ports, was also held in quarantine to detain four nonimmunes from Havana. One proved sufficient residence for immunity, and he was ordered released. Through a misunderstanding or carelessness, all 4 persons were released and ashore before I knew of it. It was too late then to apprehend them.

The sanitary condition shows no change.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PONCE, P. R., *December 31, 1900.*

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended December 29, 1900.

On December 26 the steamship *Arkadia* left this port with 380 immigrants for Hawaii, via New Orleans. One vessel was inspected and passed, and 4 bills of health issued. The 2 Kuhn formaldehyd generators were received this week.

There is no change in sanitary conditions.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended December 22, 1900.

PORT OF PONCE, P. R., *December 24, 1900.*

SIR: Through chief ordnance officer for Porto Rico I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended December 22, 1900:

Date.	Vessels.	Where from.	No. inspected.
Dec. 18	French steamship Salvador	Jeremie, Aux Cayes, Jacmel, St. Domingo, Mayaguez.	1
Do	Provisional flag steamship Julia	Cuba and St. Domingo	5
	Total		6

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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